Missouri State Library

LSTA State FY2027 Project Plan

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LSTA Grant Projects – Funding from Federal FY 2026
(To be spent in State FY2027 – July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Note, all budget figures are estimates and subject to change based on actual contract quotes and grant applications received and awarded. All grants and projects listed below are continuing from the prior year and no new projects are slated for SFY27.

LSTA Statewide Projects

Missouri State Library Goal 1: Building and Sustaining Information Resources

LSTA Priority 1: Expand Services for Learning and Access to Information
LSTA Priority 2: Establish or Enhance Electronic Access to Library and Information Services

Show Me the World Courier Service
Proposed Budget: $602,500

The State Library will continue to support a two-day per week courier service for tax-supported public libraries which meet transaction benchmarks to make the service fiscally sound. Providing state funding for the courier service improves turn-around time for interlibrary loan (ILL) requests, streamlines and improves library staff workflows, increases the number of loans and requests, lowers the cost for each ILL transaction and helps to equalize access to resources for medium-size and small libraries. In FY2024, 1,185,374 items were exchanged among libraries in the state.

The State Library may also provide one additional day of courier service per week for libraries that show the potential to benefit from an additional day of service based on current use.

Show Me the World Integrated Library System Consortium
Proposed Budget: $188,190

This project continues support for the Missouri Evergreen consortium for the purposes of acquiring and implementing a shared integrated library system (ILS). This system improves discovery and sharing of library resources and provides a low-cost alternative to systems owned and managed individually by libraries. There are currently 76 public libraries in Missouri Evergreen, with a total collection size eclipsing four million items. The consortium recruits primarily from public libraries, but could potentially include school and special libraries as well. This is the twelfth successive award to provide funding for ILS hosting and support to the consortium. In SFY22 MOSL began funding migrations to Missouri Evergreen through a direct grant to the library, rather than through this project.

Show Me the World Interlibrary Loan
Proposed Budget: $263,416

This program facilitates resource sharing by public libraries in Missouri and beyond, giving the ability for library staff and patrons to search a 3 billion record database of library materials. The State Library will use LSTA funds to pay for licenses for public libraries to use OCLC's WorldShare Discovery services, and the cost for public libraries to use OCLC's interlibrary loan service. In FY25, patrons from 56 libraries requested 82,372 items for their users and loaned 71,223 items through this service. Licenses for FirstSearch will be discontinued for SFY27.

Statewide Digitization Project
Proposed Budget: $39,140

This project provides basic support and guidance for the Missouri Digital Heritage (MDH) portal based in the Office of the Secretary of State/Missouri State Library. The number of items accessible through MDH CONTENTdm passed 9 million items during SFY2025. In addition, MDH includes collections hosted at other institutions and resources from the Missouri State Archives. Students, researchers, the general public, county and local governments, public, academic and school libraries and local historical societies use these resources to explore the richness of Missouri's history and culture. The Missouri State Archives is a primary project

partner, which contributes its own collections. Emphasis will continue to be placed on multi-partner projects on topics of statewide interest.

The State Library, as part of the Missouri Hub of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), will continue to monitor opportunities for ingests into the DPLA platform.

Statewide digitization project expenses will include the Missouri Digital Heritage database hosted service and a federated search product that acts as a web portal to all Missouri Digital Heritage collections, and may also support promotional and training efforts.

Websites for Small Libraries
Proposed Budget: $29,412

A public library website is fundamental to a library's information resources and is a required component of Administrative Rule 15 CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors. The goal of this project is to create a website template which public libraries with no or poor quality websites can use to provide or improve 24/7 access to the library catalog and other electronic resources, and information about library resources, services, and programs. The majority of the funding for this project covers the website platform fee. Up to 5 new libraries may be added in SFY26, depending on staff availability. Since the inception of the project, 45 library websites have been created.

Missouri State Library Goal 2: Targeting Library and Information Services

LSTA Priority 5: Supporting an Educated and Informed Citizenry
LSTA Priority 6: Serving the Underserved

STEM Kits
Proposed Budget: $19,500

The Missouri State Library will create and circulate STEM kits to school and public libraries, in order to provide easy, hands-on learning opportunities. Kits that would further support pre-k aged children and high school aged children and offer no-tech or low-tech activities in addition to our higher-tech options will be added for SFY26. The STEM kit program has proven successful and will continue as a core project that is expanded and maintained in future years, keeping an eye towards changes and advances in technology and STEM supplies.

Children's Literature Enhancement Tool
Proposed Budget: $217,488

TeachingBooks will be used by librarians, school librarians, teachers, parents and students statewide, giving all readers insights and opportunities that deepen their understanding and joy of the books they are reading. In SFY2024 the Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative was added. This year-long continuing education opportunity will equip, train, and empower participants to routinely examine the children and young adult books within their collection as well as those being considered/added to the collection. A dedicated, full-time Project Coordinator, supported by Nick Glass, Founder and Head, Managers of Business Development and Implementation and Education Support, Web Technology and Design Team, and the Implementation and Training Specialists.

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library
Proposed Budget: $403,700

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library provides services for persons who have print disabilities whether physical or organic. Services include circulation of materials in digital audio, digital and physical braille, and physical large print. Wolfner also offers reader advisory assistance, an early literacy program for young children, summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults, an adult winter reading program, adult book clubs, virtual author visits, programs and more. There are currently 7,700 individual and 1,753 active institutions that are using Wolfner Library, with an FY25 annual circulation of 722,758. Library staff made 136,620 patron contacts in 2025 and will continue to expand their outreach efforts to increase the number of users, with a target growth of 5% individual and institution members and a target growth of 7% increase in circulation for FY26.

Wolfner staff will continue to upload locally recorded materials to BARD, so that they are more easily accessible to all National Library Service users; and continue their relationship with healthcare, public libraries and school professionals that are potential certifying agents for Wolfner Library Services.

Missouri State Library Goal 3: Strengthening the Library Workforce

LSTA Priority 3: Provide Training and Professional Development for the Library Workforce and Leadership

Library Staff and Administration Skills Training
Proposed Budget: $60,319

Library skills trainings are designed to deliver instruction on basic and advanced levels. Basic skills training will predominantly be available to paraprofessional library staff through the Alternative Basic Library Education (ABLE) and Library Learning Online (LLO) resources produced by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. However, basic topics pertaining specifically to Missouri issues may be held via multi-day intensive training sessions, webinars or single day regional workshops and be led by Library Development staff or paid presenters.

Potential topics for advanced skills trainings include Homeless Training Institute ($12,069), Professional Development Collection ($3,000), and Niche Academy ($38,000). Other topics may also be presented, but are expected to make use of existing or new partnerships and are not expected to incur a cost. Trainings may be held via regional workshops, webinars, or webcasts and/or through the provision of resources.

Children and Youth Services Training
Proposed Budget: $12,890

Youth Services webinars, webcasts and workshops will help public library staff develop or improve skills needed to implement or expand programs in their libraries to address the service needs of the children and youth in their communities. Topics for SFY2026 will include: Summer Library Programming (four workshops across the state), TeachingBooks tools and features, Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative, Monthly programming zooms that will feature local and/or nationally renowned librarians highlighting a successful programming idea or literacy approach and then allow for open comment time- topics will rotate so that the focus switches between younger patrons (e.g., birth – elementary school age) and older patrons (e.g., middle and high school age) each month and could include early literacy, family literacy, the home school population, nutritional programming, adult 101 programming, food literacy (e.g, special guest Rebecca Antill), Updates to the Video Archive and/or Niche Academy to include additional topics of interest to youth librarians, and Videos to promote the State Library STEM Kit program.

MOBIUS Grant
Proposed Budget: $20,000

In the past the Missouri State Library has funded the hotel rooms for the academic library attendees of this conference. State Library staff will work with MOBIUS staff to fund a more integral component(s) of the conference.

Missouri State Library: Overarching Programs

Library Development
Proposed Budget: $83,900

The Missouri State Library provides information and assistance to libraries on expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources, on using technologies to expand electronic networks and provide electronic and other linkages among all types of libraries, on developing public and private partnerships, and on providing library services for persons meeting the LSTA criteria for targeted assistance. In addition to consultant services, staff manages statewide projects, prepares publications, and offers statistical support. Additionally, this project includes funding for the online grant management system. Within this budget is $49,600 for the required LSTA Five Year Plan 2023-2027 independent evaluation.

Statewide Projects

Missouri State Library administered projects, contracts or subgrants to promote standards and best practices and to encourage and support networking, collaboration and resource sharing among Missouri's libraries. Projects must meet goals and objectives of the Missouri State Library LSTA Program Five-Year Plan for Years 2023-2027. Applications are available on an inquiry or invitation basis as funds allow.

Competitive Grants

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Digital Imaging Grants
Proposed Budget: $23,975

This grant provides funding for scanning, cataloging and Web delivery of significant historical and cultural materials in Missouri and in Missouri history. Grants are restricted to projects involving original source materials. Priorities include importance of the collection including demonstration of patron demand; institutions doing their first project; demonstration projects that document best practices; projects involving underserved partners; and institutions adding metadata to existing digital collections. High priority is given to multi-partner projects on topics of statewide interest including newspaper digitization, which is overseen by the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Library Automation Grants
Proposed Budget: $175,000

Funding to facilitate automation of libraries that do not have an online catalog and for migration from one system to the next for libraries improving online access to collections. Priority will be given to libraries migrating to Missouri Evergreen. Anticipated costs include new technology or software, barcoding supplies, staff support, and other migration- or automation-related expenses.

Technology Ladder Grants
Proposed Budget: $320,000

This grant program helps public libraries improve their computer security, network performance, and provide reasonable computer resources to their patrons. Proposals were due in April 2026 for projects beginning May 2026.

Technology Mini-Grant Grants
Proposed Budget: $320,000

This grant is open to qualified public libraries needing to replace, upgrade or add new equipment or software. Projects should be of short duration including compilation of adequate evaluation measures. Proposals will be due in October 2026 for projects beginning November 15, 2026.

Missouri State Library Goal 2: Targeting Library and Information Services

LSTA Priority 5: Supporting an Educated and Informed Citizenry
LSTA Priority 6: Serving the Underserved

Educational Presenter Grant
Proposed Budget: $20,000

This grant provides funds to bring an author presentation or an educational presentation to the community. Collaboration between local school and public libraries is strongly encouraged. Grant funds may be used for author fees, publicity and promotional items, collection development materials, additional staff hours to implement the project, and costs to transport youth from school, day camp or a licensed childcare agency. Projects that include collaboration between local, academic, school and/or public libraries will be given high priority.

Spotlight on Literacy Grants
Proposed Budget: $70,000

This grant program offers Missouri public libraries, academic libraries, and secondary or post-secondary school libraries the opportunity to serve patrons of all ages through programs that support an educated and informed citizenry. Programs must address a single target audience and literacy area, such as early literacy, digital literacy, STEM literacy, health literacy, financial literacy, civic literacy, cultural literacy, career literacy, etc. Collaborative efforts to better serve low-literacy populations are strongly encouraged. Applications were due in January 2026 for projects beginning April 2026.

Summer Library Program Grants
Proposed Budget: $390,000

Summer Library Program grants provide libraries with additional funds to expand opportunities for people of all ages to improve their reading skills, enrich summer learning experiences, and enhance opportunities for libraries to reach underserved summer populations. Applications will likely be due by December 1, 2026 for projects beginning February 2027.

High School Equivalency Support
Proposed Budget: $45,000

The Missouri State Library will continue to use and promote an online platform that helps individuals attain their high school diploma or HSE certification with support from their local public library in order to offer individuals seeking HSE certification to have multiple paths available, increase public library staff confidence and knowledge about HSE programs and resources, and enable public library staff to implement programs at the local level to help individuals obtain their high school diploma or HSE certification.

Missouri State Library Goal 3: Strengthening the Library Workforce

LSTA Priority 3: Provide Training and Professional Development for the Library Workforce and Leadership

Show-Me Steps to Continuing Education
Proposed Budget: $7,000

These grants provide financial assistance for Missouri library personnel and public library trustees to participate in continuing education and training opportunities, with some match of funds by local institutions. Trainings can be for individuals or groups. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Missouri State Library: Overarching Sub-Grant Programs

Other
As funds allow, the State Library may also develop other competitive sub-grant programs to address timely library service needs that meet LSTA priorities and Missouri State Library goals, and are in accord with Missouri's LSTA FY2023-2027 Plan.

Program	BUDGETS	PROJECT BREAKOUT
BASIC TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE RESOURCES	**$640,000.00**	
Technology Ladder Grants		$320,000.00
Technology Mini-Grant Grants		$320,000.00
CONTINUING EDUCATION	**$145,209.00**	
Homeless Training Institute		$12,069.00
Library Staff and Administration Skills Training		$7,250.00
Professional Development Collection		$3,000.00
High School Equivalency Support		$45,000.00
Children and Youth Services Training		$12,890.00
Show Me Steps to Continuing Education		$7,000.00
Mobius Conference Grant		$20,000.00
Inclusive Library Serving Adults on the Autism Spectrum		$0.00
Niche Academy		$38,000.00
LIBRARY PROGRAMS	**$20,000.00**	
Educational Presenter Grant		$20,000.00
LITERACY AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE	**$696,988.00**	
Spotlight on Literacy Grants		$70,000.00
Summer Library Program Grants		$390,000.00
Children's Literature Enhancement Tool		$217,488.00
STEM Kits		$19,500.00
STATEWIDE DIGITIZATION	**$63,115.00**	
Digital Imaging Grants		$23,975.00
Missouri Digital Heritage		$39,140.00
SHOW-ME THE WORLD	**$1,258,517.56**	
Courier Service		$602,500.00
Integrated Library System Consortium (Evergreen)		$188,190.00
Library Automation Grants		$175,000.00
Statewide Show Me the World (OCLC)		$263,415.56
Library Websites (PLOUD)		$29,412.00
WOLFNER LIBRARY SERVICES	**$403,700.00**	
P/S Facilities		$389,700.00
E/E		$14,000.00
LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT	**$83,900.00**	

Foundant, Baker & Taylor, Clippings and Springshare		$25,800.00
LD staff and resource development		$2,500.00
Staff travel		$6,000.00
Five Year Plan Evaluation		$49,600.00
Holding account (available funds)	$25,146.44	$25,146.44
Total	**$3,336,576.00**	**$3,336,576.00**